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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES ON AUGUST 11, 2011

Commission Chairman Orjiakor N. Isiogu called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
Executive Secretary Mary Jo Kunkle called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

**PRESENT**

Commission: Orjiakor N. Isiogu, Chairman  
Monica Martinez, Commissioner  
Greg R. White, Commissioner

Staff: Sally Wallace  
Judy Palnau  
Mary Jo Kunkle  
Sharron Allen  
Steve McLean  
Nick Revere  
Steve Kulesia  
Delores Midkiff-Powell

Public: Joseph Tufnell, MIRS  
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA  
Mary Stasek, Consumers Energy  
Tim Hoffman, Consumers Energy  
Shelly Edgerton, LARA

- I.** Commissioner Martinez moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Martinez moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of July 26, 2011, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

### III. ORDERS

#### A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-16501 MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a AT&T MICHIGAN, v B&S TELECOM, INC., QUICK COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND BRUCE YUILLE  
U-12911 B & S TELECOM, INC.  
U-14007 B & S TELECOM, INC.  
U-14783 B & S TELECOM, INC., AND MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY, d/b/a, AT&T MICHIGAN

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves a complaint filed by AT&T Michigan against B&S Telecom, Inc., Quick Communications, Inc., and Bruce Yuille. The order before you finds in favor of AT&T Michigan, and revokes the license of B&S Telecom, Inc., to provide basic local exchange service, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-16782 DEERFIELD FARMERS TELEPHONE COMPANY  
(permanent license)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves an application to expand the geographic service of its license to provide basic local exchange service. The order before you grants the request, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-16832 CENTURYTEL OF MICHIGAN, INC., CENTURYTEL OF MIDWEST-MICHIGAN, INC., CENTURYTEL OF NORTHERN MICHIGAN, INC., CENTURYTEL OF UPPER MICHIGAN, INC., (each d/b/a CenturyLink), AND GRANITE TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC (interconnection agreement amendment)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which requests Commission approval of an interconnection agreement amendment. The order before you approves the request, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

**B. ELECTRIC**

1. U-16589 ALTER DELTA COOPERATIVE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION  
(renewable energy plan biennial review)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves an application by Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association for approval of its renewable energy biennial plan review. The order before you approves the renewable energy plan as in compliance with the requirements of Public Act 295 of 2008, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-16591 CHERRYLAND ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
(renewable energy plan biennial review)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves an application by Cherryland Electric Cooperative for approval of its renewable energy biennial plan review. The order before you approves the renewable energy plan as in compliance with the requirements of Public Act 295 of 2008, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-16598 HOMEWORKS TRI-COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE  
(renewable energy plan biennial review)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves an application by HomeWorks Tri-County Electric Cooperative for approval of its renewable energy biennial plan review. The order before you approves the renewable energy plan as in compliance with the requirements of Public Act 295 of 2008, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. MINUTE ACTION APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
(MCL 445.2021 and Executive Order 2011-4)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue minute dated August 11, 2011 directing the Commission’s Executive Secretary to advise Michael J. Zimmer, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and Executive Director of the Michigan Administrative Hearing System, to add the name of Administrative Law Judge Thomas E. Maier to the list of hearing officers approved by the Commission to perform administrative hearing functions for the Commission as provided in MCL 445.2021 and Executive Order 2011-4, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The minute was adopted.

**C. GAS**

1. U-16418 CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY  
(rate case)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for authority to increase its rates for the distribution of natural gas and for other relief. The order before you directs Consumers Energy Company to escrow any ratepayer funds collected for the low-income and energy efficiency fund pending further Commission order, removes from rates the company’s proposed expenditures for gas advanced metering

infrastructure, and authorizes Consumers Energy Company to continue to implement the current pilot revenue decoupling mechanism, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

**PRESS RELEASE ISSUED**

2. U-16570 MICHIGAN GAS UTILITIES CORPORATION  
(decoupling)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves a request by Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation for authority to reconcile its revenue decoupling mechanism for calendar year 2010. The order before you approves a settlement agreement resolving all issues in the case, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

**PRESS RELEASE ISSUED**

3. U-16837 ENCANA OIL & GAS (USA) INC.  
(pipeline)

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adopt and issue order dated August 11, 2011 which involves an application by Encana Oil and Gas (USA) Inc., for authority to construct and operate the North Sunset Trail Pipeline in Excelsior Township, Kalkaska County. The order before you approves the application, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

Commissioner Martinez thanked staff for their hard work and efforts regarding the temporary office situation and set up of the temporary meeting location.

Chairman Isiogu announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on August 25, 2011.

Commissioner Martinez moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner White seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Isiogu, Martinez, White  
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

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Mary Jo Kunkle  
Executive Secretary